



# 2014 VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR



## *Introduction to Genealogy*

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Learn how to do basic genealogical research using Federal records at the National Archives.



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# Getting Started on Your Genealogical Research

An Introduction to Using  
Records in the National Archives

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# Genealogy: A Lifetime Hobby Makes History Relevant

- Geography
- Economics
- Politics
- Social customs
- Religion
- Climate
- and other forces shaped our ancestors lives.

# Begin with Yourself

- First, Get Organized, Get Your Tools
  - Box or Binder
  - Full-sized paper or notebooks
  - Pencils, pens, pencil sharpener, stapler.
  - Four- or five-generation ancestor chart
  - Family group sheets
  - Genealogy computer program? or word processing program



# Begin with Yourself



## Family Group Sheet

- Fill out a family group sheet for each ancestor and each ancestor's siblings.

Husband			Occupation(s)	
	Date	Place	Immigration	
Born			Naturalization	
Christened			Military Service	
Died			Cause of Death	
Buried			Date of Will	
Married			Other Marriages	
Father				
Mother				

Wife (maiden name)			Occupation(s)	
	Date	Place	Immigration	
Born			Naturalization	
Christened			Military Service	
Died			Cause of Death	
Buried			Date of Will	
Father			Other Marriages	
Mother				

Other Information/Records (ie. Census, Passports, etc...)


# Begin with Yourself

Organize any “old family papers” you may have:

Certificates of birth, marriage, death.

Newspaper death notices.

Military papers, Social Security Cards,

Photographs, everything....

# Interview Your Relatives

- Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins....
- They may know names, dates, places, family stories.
- They may have “old family records” pertinent to your ancestors.
- Stories, family traditions, “life in the olden days”

# Starting Points

- Names of ancestors, their siblings, other relatives
- Dates of birth, marriage, death, divorce, burial
- Places of birth, marriage, death, divorce, burial
- Occupation
- Military service
- Other biographical details

# Linking it all Together

Name plus some additional fact that links him or her to a specific geographic location or event on a specific date.

*AND the source of that information.*

Name by itself is not enough.

# Why Knowing the Source is Important...

## **Fred T. Brown**

Death certificate .... Died 1921

Gravestone ..... Died 1922

## **Sarah M. Hayford**

Death record..... Died 2 Apr. 1902

Newspaper..... Died 3 Apr. 1902

# Join Genealogical Societies

- National Genealogical Society
- Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society
- State genealogical societies: the state in which you live, and the states in which your ancestors lived
- County genealogical societies: county in which you live and counties in which your ancestors lived
- Historical societies

# Why Join Genealogical Societies?

- Publications
  - Articles useful to you
  - Vehicle for *you* to publish in
- Information about the area
  - History, records, research facilities, more
- Networking
- Education - conferences, classes, etc.

# Publish or Your Research Perishes!

- Publications by Genealogical Societies:

County

State

National

- Self-publish.

Write up your family story – do it well.

Make sure copies of your “book” are with other family members, libraries where your family lived, libraries with “national” collections

# Learn How to Do Genealogy Right

- Borrow books from your public library on how to do genealogy, relevant aspects of history, and so forth
- Take genealogy classes
- Follow the research standards recommended by the National Genealogical Society

# Do Research in Records

- Federal
- State
- County
- Libraries: books, microfilmed records, more!
- Other: cemeteries, churches, funeral homes, private organizations

## Doing Research in Archival Records: The “misspelled name”

The name may not be spelled as you expect to find it.

- The “ear” test:
- What did the census taker (or other record keeper) think was said?
- Probably didn’t ask how it was spelled.
- Mangling of a “foreign” name.

# The “misspelled” name

Westurn .... Western, Weston

Hayford .... Hefford, Hafford, Heyford

Siml .... Symel, Chimel

McCuller ... McAlley

# Federal Records (NARA)

- Census: 1790-1940
- Military Service Records, Pension Records, Unit Records, Draft Registration records
- Immigration Records: 1820-1950s, entry at sea or land border ports of arrival
- Naturalization Records
- Many other possibilities

# Census, 1790-1940

- Start with 1940 and work backwards
- Find everyone in the entire extended family in every census
  - To get a complete picture of the family
  - Work yourself around brick walls
- Indexes (computer or in book form) have mistakes.

# Census, 1790-1940

- What do you do when you “can’t” find the person using an index?
  - Try spelling the name a different way.
  - Use “brute force” -- If you know where the person lived, read the census for that town/township/village/district, etc., page by page, line by line.
  - Arranged by state, then by county, then by locality.

# Census, 1870 to 1940

- 1870-1940: Every person listed by name
  - Name
  - Age & gender
  - Race
  - Marital Status
  - Occupation
  - Birthplace
  - 1880-1930: birthplace of parents
  - & more

# Census, 1850 and 1860

- 1850-1860: Every free person listed by name
  - Name
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Race
  - Marital status
  - Occupation
  - Birthplace

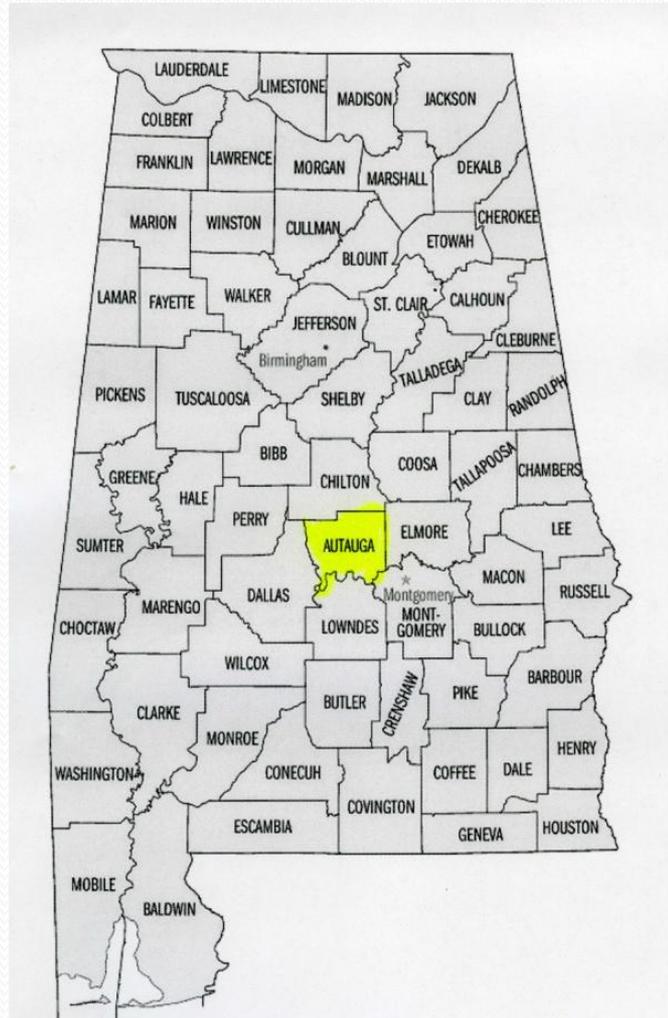
# Census, 1850-1860 Slave Schedules

- Name of slave owner
- List of slaves by age and gender: no names

# Census, 1790-1840

- 1790-1840: Name of head of household
  - All household members listed by gender and age categories: no names
  - Slave would be part of master's household

# Sample Census Search for an African-American Family in Autauga Co., Alabama



## Sample Search: “Jese” Washington Family - beginning with 1930

- 1930: Live in Washington, Autauga County, Alabama. T626, Roll 1, E.D. 1-3.
  - Jese, 63
  - Ella, 58
  - Harry, 17
  - Dotty, 16
  - Betty, 15
  - Arch, 14
  - Quince, 13
  - plus Albert Walter, grandson, 14



# Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1920

- 1920: Live in Washington, Autauga County, Alabama. T625, Roll 1, E.D. 3:
- Joe, 45
- Ella, 40
- Ida, 24
- Anna, 16
- Eddie, 15
- Foster, 14
- Lula, 12
- William, 10
- *Harry, 9*
- *Dollie, 8*
- *Bomista [?], 6*
- *Archie, 5*
- *Quincy, 3*
- *Albert, 4, “step son”*
- Notice: Parents are 45 & 40 instead of expected 53 & 48



## Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1910

- 1910: Live in Washington, Autauga County, Alabama. T624, Roll 1, E.D. 3:
- Joe, 36
- Ella, 35
- *Ida L.*, 13
- Clarence, 12
- *Anna*, 9
- *Eddie*, 7
- *Foster*, 5
- *Lula*, 3
- *William*, 2
- *Harrie*, 9/12
- Note: Parents are 36 & 35 instead of the “expected” 35 & 30



## Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1900

- 1900: Live in Washington, Autauga County, Alabama. T623, Roll 1, E.D. 3:
- Joe, Sept. 1869 (30)
- Ella, Jan. 1878 (22)
- *Clarence, July 1898 (2)*
- *Idalee, July 1897 (3)*
- George, Sept. 1899 (8/12)



## Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1890

- Very little of 1890 Census survives.
- Most destroyed as a result of a fire in Commerce Department Building in 1921.

## Sample Search: Joe Washington Family – now back to 1880

- With the information I had, I tried online indexes, but did not find him. He must be on the census somewhere. Strategies:
  - Search Autauga County line by line.
  - May be in a different county.
  - Have to use other records to find parents & origins, or siblings....

# Sample Search: Joe Washington

– now back to 1880

- Issues:
  - He should be a son in someone's household.
  - Age range is variable based on later censuses:
    - 1880: Age ? – somewhere between 5 and 13
    - 1900: Age 30 (Sept. 1869)
    - 1910: Age 36 (1874)
    - 1920: Age 45 (1875)
    - 1930: Age 63 (1867)

# Joe Washington's wife

- Autauga County Marriage Records
- Vol. 9, Page 408
- Joe Washington to Ella Livingston (1895)
- Be sure to get copy of original record; may have more information than what is online.

# Joe Washington's wife

## Autauga County, Alabama Index To Marriage Records

Compiled By: Larry W. Nobles

Additional information may be acquired from:

Autauga Genealogical Society  
Post Office Box 668  
Prattville, Alabama 36067-0668

Autauga County Heritage Association  
Post Office Box 178  
Prattville, Alabama 36067-0178

### Search Results:

#### Entries matching "washington"

If no names are listed below here, then none were found.

NAME	SPOUSE	DATE	BK	PAGE
WASHINGTON, ARON	TATUM, SALLIE	15 DEC 1875	7	71
WASHINGTON, CALLIE	CREWS, WILLIE	29 DEC 1892	9	240
WASHINGTON, CUBIT	WRIGHT, HATTIE	29 JAN 1891	9	130
WASHINGTON, DUMAS	GOLDEN, ELLA	28 FEB 1878	7	216
WASHINGTON, ELIZA	OBANNON, CARSON	21 OCT 1874	7	7
WASHINGTON, ERIUS	HUNTER, ARINA	24 JUL 1879	7	292
WASHINGTON, GABRIEL	BROWN, CAROLINE	12 FEB 1880	7	339
WASHINGTON, GEO.	DUBOSE, HATTIE	3 MAY 1890	9	84
WASHINGTON, GEORGE	PORTER, COMFORT	27 JUN 1872	6	481
WASHINGTON, JACOB	DRAKE, MARY ANN	23 OCT 1880	7	368
WASHINGTON, JACOB	DRAKE, MARY ANN	23 OCT 1880	7	368
WASHINGTON, JAMES	FRAZER, ALABAMA	16 JUL 1896	10	73
WASHINGTON, JOE	LIVINGSTON, ELLA	14 FEB 1895	9	408
WASHINGTON, JOSEPH	DEJARNETTE, MATILDA	13 DEC 1868	11	10
WASHINGTON, LONALLA	GOLSMITH, CHARLIE	10 JUN 1895	9	417
WASHINGTON, LUENAN	QUALES, JOHN	23 MAR 1871	6	483
WASHINGTON, MARIAH	GROVES, EUGENE	29 JUL 1897	10	182
WASHINGTON, SELLA	TAYLOR, TONY	19 MAY 1883	8	56
WASHINGTON, WILLIE	JOHNSON, ADA	28 JAN 1891	9	129

## Ella Livingston's family – back to 1880

- Issues: We're working with little information. Likely in Autauga County.
- Ella's age range is variable based on later censuses:
  - 1880: Age ? – between 2 and 8 years old.
  - 1900: Age 33 (1878)
  - 1910: Age 35 (1875)
  - 1920: Age 40 (1880)
  - 1930: Age 58 (1872)

## Ella Livingston's family – back to 1880

- 1880: Living in Prattville, Autauga County, Alabama, T9, Roll 1, E.D. 2. Likely match:
- Hill Livingston, age 45
- Mary, 30
- Melissa, 16
- George, 12
- Archie, 12
- Clara, 11
- Hilliard, 7
- **Ella, 6**
- Edgar, 3
- Hattie, 6 months
- “Hill” is likely short for Hilliard.



## Ella Livingston's family – back to 1870

- Likely match: “Hilliard Livingston”, age 33, found in Beat 5, Post office Prattville, Autauga County, Alabama.
- Where's his wife and children?

## Ella Livingston's family – back to 1880

- 1870: Living in Beat No. 5, Autauga County, Alabama, M593, Roll 1. Likely match:
- Alexander, Mary, age 30
- Alexander, Malissa, 6
- Alexander, George, 3
- Alexander, Arch, 3
- Alexander, “Clarence,” 9/12 (Sept. 1869)
- Livingston, Hilliard, age 33



# Military Service Records and Military Pension Records, ca. 1775-ca. 1906

- Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Civil War
- Miscellaneous wars
- Indian Wars
- Spanish-American War
- Philippine Insurrection

# Military Service Records

- Indexed by War, then by name
- Provides basic facts & possibly more
  - Name
  - Age
  - Location of enlistment & how long
  - Unit(s) in which served & rank(s)
  - Basic information about his service

# Compiled Military Service Records

*McCullar William*  
**15 Massachusetts Regiment.**  
**(Revolutionary War.)**

Private      Private

CARD NUMBERS.

1	3559	608	26
2	6182		27
3	6246		28
4	6345		29
5	6371		30
6	6431		31
7	9369		32
8	712	979	33
9			34
10			35
11			36
12			37
13			38
14			39
15			40
16			41
17			42
18			43
19			44
20			45
21			46
22			47
23			48
24			49
25			50

Number of personal papers herein *0*

Book Mark: *R.P. 436786*

See also

Jacket

*Mc* **15** **Mass.**  
 (Col. Timothy Bigelow.)

*William McCullar*  
 Pvt. { Capt. Daniel Barns' Co., in a Bat-  
 talion of Foot whereof Timothy  
 Bigelow, Esq., is Colonel.  
**(Revolutionary War)**

Appears on  
**Company Muster Roll**  
 of the organization named above for the month  
 of \_\_\_\_\_, 17 \_\_\_\_  
 Roll dated *Dec 10, 1777*

Appointed \_\_\_\_\_, 17 \_\_\_\_  
 Commissioned \_\_\_\_\_, 17 \_\_\_\_  
 Enlisted *June 20, 1778*  
 Term of enlistment *3 yrs*  
 Time since last muster or enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations since last muster \_\_\_\_\_

Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Next roll on file *Jan'y 1778*

*Housh*  
 (543) Copyist

Card

*Mc* **15** **Mass.**  
 (Col. Timothy Bigelow.)

*Wm McCullar*  
 Pvt. { Captain Daniel Barns' Co. in a Reg't  
 of Foot, commanded by the honora-  
 ble Timothy Bigelow, Esqr., from  
 the Massachusetts Bay State.  
**(Revolutionary War)**

Appears on  
**Company Muster Roll**  
 of the organization named above for the month  
 of *Jan'y*, 17 \_\_\_\_  
 Roll dated *Feb 19, 1778*

Appointed \_\_\_\_\_, 17 \_\_\_\_  
 Commissioned \_\_\_\_\_, 17 \_\_\_\_  
 Enlisted *June 20, 1778*  
 Term of enlistment *3 yrs*  
 Time since last muster or enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations since last muster \_\_\_\_\_

Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *Gen'l Guard*

*Housh*  
 (543) Copyist

Card

## Military Pension Records, ca. 1775-ca. 1916

- Arranged by war --
  - Revolutionary War
  - War of 1812
  - “Old Wars”
  - Civil War & later
- More details about service, family members (widow and dependent children), medical condition

# Draft Registration Cards

- **Civil War:** Men under age 45 (whether or not they served)
- **World War I:** Men under age 18-45 (whether or not they served)
  - Three different types of cards (information content varies)
  - Name, date & place of birth, occupation & employer, next of kin & their address, physical description
- **World War II:** 4<sup>th</sup> Registration (“old men”), age 45 & up

# Immigration Records

- Ship Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957
- Land Border (Canada): 1895-1950s
- Land Border (Mexico): 1903-1950s

# Immigration Records

Ship  
Passenger  
Arrival  
Records,  
1820-1957

National Archives Microfilm Publication M255, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, 1820-1891, Roll 22, vessel linc, arrived 14 July 1873, Johann Symel family

Entered by BERNARD KOPP & CO.

*H. F. C.*  
District of New York — Port of New York.

I, *M. Woodhoist* Master of the *Franklin* do solemnly, sincerely and truly  
that the following List or Manifest presented by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the Collection District of New-York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers  
taken on board of the said *Franklin* at *Baltimore* on the *14th* day of *July* 1873, from which port said  
*Franklin* has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex and the occupation of each of said passengers, the port of the vessel  
occupied by each, during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant, and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the  
number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

Sworn to, this *14th* day of *July*, 1873.  
Before me, *Ch. Woodhoist* First or Pilot of said Vessel.  
*Ch. Woodhoist* Master of said Vessel.

Sworn to, this *14th* day of *July*, 1873.  
Before me, *Ch. Woodhoist* First or Pilot of said Vessel.  
*Ch. Woodhoist* Master of said Vessel.

NAME	AGE		SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they originally belong		The country to which they intend to become inhabitants	Died on the voyage	Port of the vessel occupied by said passenger
	Years	Months							
<i>Adelina Wilmann</i>	<i>24</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Katharine Lake</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Augusta Zengemann</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Mathias</i>	<i>21</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Katharine</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Mathias Harpursky</i>	<i>24</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Annelle Pottinger</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>11</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Henry</i>	<i>12</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Mathias Chaak</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Katharine</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Katharine</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Augusta Fischer</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>Joseph Link</i>	<i>27</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Prussia</i>		<i>Franklin</i>

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# Immigration Records

## • Ship Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957

1902

National Archives Microfilm Publication TB44, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, 1891-1909, Roll 31, vessel Cassel, arrived 20 Aug. 1902, Franz Polak, line 13

### Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, Steamship Company. LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN IMMIGRANTS FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

List No. 13

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, to be delivered to the Commissioner of Immigration by the Commanding officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

No. *Cassel* sailing from Bremen, *Aug 1902* Arriving at Port of Baltimore, *Baltimore Aug 20 1902*

No. on List.	NAME IN FULL.	Age Yrs. Mos.	Sex.	Married or Single.	Calling or Occupation.	Able to Read Write.	Nationality.	Last Residence.	Passport for landing in the United States.	Final destination in the United States. (State, City or Town).	Whether having a ticket to such final destination.	By whom was passage paid.	Whether in possession of money, if so, whether more than \$30 and how much if \$30 or less.	Whether ever before in the United States, and if so, when and where.	Whether going to join a relative, and if so, what relative, their name and address, which.	Ever in Prison or Alms-house or supported by charity, if you state which.	Whether a Polygamist.	Whether under Contract, express or implied, to labor in the United States.	Condition of Health. Mental and Physical.	Deformed or Crippled. Nature and Cause.	No. on List.
1	<i>Stija Rukvic</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>mar</i>	<i>harmonizer</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Delmar</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 70</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend S. Delmar</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>1</i>
2	<i>Simon Vitoric</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Bresine</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 70</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend Dr. H. H. Hadley</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1901</i>	<i>2</i>
3	<i>James Cook</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 100</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>3</i>
4	<i>Neubanda Kym</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 25</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>4</i>
5	<i>Tahp Andrej</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 20</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>5</i>
6	<i>Wazywiec Albert</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 14</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>6</i>
7	<i>Andry Grzybnica</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 12</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>7</i>
8	<i>Wladyslaw Kowalski</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 4</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>8</i>
9	<i>Regina Smabl</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 100</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>9</i>
10	<i>Anna</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>10</i>
11	<i>Carl Schneider</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 20</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>11</i>
12	<i>Jan Kowalski</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 25</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>12</i>
13	<i>Frank Schick</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 40</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>13</i>
14	<i>Paul Luber</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>carriage</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Trinjica</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>\$ 10</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>friend in law Dr. Roseman</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>Rel. 1900</i>	<i>14</i>

# Immigration Records

- Land Border (Canada): 1895-1950s
- Land Border (Mexico): 1903-1950s

Form 621 (STATISTICAL)

Name Zapata, Obvester Manifest No. 5757  
Age 30 Sex M  
Occupation clerk Read y  
Conj. cond. m Illit. exempt — Race MEX  
Write y Class 1M-a-str  
Last res. Laredo Tam Mex Future res. Laredo Tex Passage paid by self  
Money \$10  
ADMITTED at LAREDO TEXAS Date DEC 24 1925  
Med. Cert. — S. I. No. —  
Height 5-0 Complexion dk Hair bk Eyes br  
Place of birth Nadadores Coah Mex Nationality MEX  
Accompanied by —

U. S. Department of Labor  
Immigration Service

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# Naturalization Records

- The process of becoming a citizen
- Two steps:
  - Declare Intent to become a citizen (2 yrs.)
  - Petition for naturalization (3 yrs.)

# Other Federal Records

- What relationship did your relatives have with the Federal Government?
  - Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
  - Freedman's Savings & Trust (Freedman's Bank)
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs (Cherokee freedmen)
  - Southern Claims Commission
  - Postmaster
  - Other Federal Employee
  - Buy or Obtain Land from the Federal Government

# State Records

- Vital Records

Birth and death records kept at the state level, since the early 1900s, with copy at the county level.

# County Records

- Vital records: birth, marriage, death, divorce
- Land records: deeds, mortgages, taxes
- Court records: naturalization, probate, litigation, criminal justice
- Voter registration
- Other

# Libraries

- Microfilmed original records (census and more)
- Newspapers (microfilmed) for death notices, obituaries, news stories, etc.
- Books for compiled records, histories, genealogies, and more

# Keep Researching

- There's always more to learn about your family.
- Stay organized!
- Writing your family's history as you go along! (Don't wait for "someday")
- Remember that names are not always spelled as you expect to find them.
- Different records may give conflicting information.

# Thank You!

## More Information

- NARA

[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

- NARA Genealogy

[www.archives.gov/genealogy/topics](http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/topics)



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